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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are making plans to ensure that `Garuda` service retains its price competitiveness in the telecom sector;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to reduce costs of operation of its telecom services; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) MTNL plans to retain the price competitiveness within the regulatory frame work.

(b)& (c): As system grows, the cost of operations per line is expected to come down MTNL plans, to expand from 50,000 lines each in Delhi and Mumbai to 150,000lines in each of these cities.